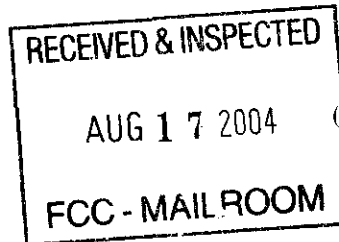




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Re: WT Docket No. 04-70-Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Rural Enterprises of Oklahoma, Inc. ("REI") is a non-profit economic development organization providing community and business assistance for Oklahoma rural communities and entrepreneurs. Our organizations mission is to serve rural Oklahoma communities through the creation and retention of jobs and providing services to stimulate the rural economy.

REI supports the proposed merger between Cingular Wireless Corporation ("Cingular") and AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ("AWS"). The combined company will serve the people of Oklahoma better than either company can alone.

We believe that Cingular and AWS through their combined experience and assets will be able to improve and expand network coverage faster, including rural areas, resulting in improved connections and more continuous coverage. In today's environment with customer split across these companies, often in rural areas there are insufficient customer numbers to support a business case for a new tower. Increased customer depth across the combined company could support more towers and equipment in rural areas.

We believe that greater spectrum will support the deployment of advanced services in these areas as well. We are anxious to see the new features and productivity offerings this company will develop. This combination will leave several nationwide competitors and regional carriers for customers to choose from and this we believe is a healthy market and a good thing for consumers. The benefits to the people of Oklahoma are substantial and should not be delayed.

Thank you for your leadership on this important matter and we do hope you will lend your support to approving this combination.

Sincerely,

Tom Seth Smith, CEcD
President and CEO

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